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Tough reform aims to make criminals pay

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The Government aims to hit the pockets of criminals and improve compensation for victims in proposals published yesterday for its final law and order legislation before the general election.

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More and more take The Times

More people in the ABC1 socio-economic group - opinion-formers and those with significant purchasing power - are switching to The Times in preference to any other national newspaper.

Portfolio

The Times Portfolio daily competition prize produced no winner again yesterday so today there is \$5,000 to be won.

Favourite out

Burrough Hill Lad, winner of the 1984 Cheltenham Gold Cup and favourite for this year's event, is out of the race.

Table with 3 columns: Home News, Letters, Overseas, etc.

Hospital closures due to the cold

By Nicholas Timmins, Social Services Correspondent

Twenty-nine large hospitals in Greater London and others in the Home Counties have halted non-urgent admissions or have closed to all except emergency cases as the effects of the cold spell on hospital admissions is felt.



The Queen cool in lace at a Government House party in yesterday's heat-stricken Melbourne. Report, page 9.

Congress sets seal on Gorbachov era

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Sweeping changes in the composition of the top bodies that will run the Soviet Union for the next five years were approved yesterday at the close of the 27th Communist Party congress, which set the seal on the era of Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the youngest Soviet leader since Stalin.

City fears wave of bankruptcies as tin talks fail

By Michael Prest, Financial Correspondent

There were fears of widespread bankruptcies in the City of London last night after talks to end the four-month-old tin crisis collapsed unexpectedly.

Tory mood on BL bids favours British factor

By Anthony Bevin, Political Correspondent

The Cabinet committee on British Leyland met for an hour yesterday to consider a preliminary report on bids for parts of the company, but it emerged later that the political implications of a sale to General Motors are considered acute.

Labour attacks 'window dressing'

By Richard Evans

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the Shadow Home Secretary, criticized the Government's criminal justice White Paper published yesterday as a piece of window dressing which would do nothing to halt Britain's record crime wave.

Rate rebels face huge bills

By Hugh Clayton

Rates defiance could cost rebel Lambeth and Liverpool councillors millions of pounds, Mr John Banham, controller of audit with the Audit Commission said yesterday.

Yurchenko 'executed'

Washington - Mr Vitaly Yurchenko, the Soviet defector who returned home, was reported yesterday to have been executed by firing squad.

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Split fuels dispute over BBC funding

David Hewson, Arts Correspondent

The Government's attempt to produce a new formula for funding the BBC is in difficulties because of a growing division among members of the committee appointed to suggest alternatives for the Corporation's financing.

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# Criminal Justice White Paper: Bill to ensure crime does not pay

## Tough new powers to strengthen fight against crime planned

Reports by Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Tough new measures to strengthen the powers of the courts to combat crime and bring offenders to justice were published by the Government yesterday (thurs) in a White Paper which forms a main plank of its law and order policy.

The proposals, which include increased maximum sentences, further steps to seize criminals' assets, changes to the system of jury trial, better compensation for victims of crime and reforms to the extradition law will be a high priority for legislation.

The Government has already extended police powers and resources together with safeguards for individuals in the Police and Criminal Evidence

Act 1984. Bills are before Parliament on drug trafficking and public order and there will soon be a new crown prosecution service.

The next step will be a Criminal Justice Bill to overhaul the powers and procedures of the courts as outlined in the White Paper, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said yesterday. Those were the "essential underpinning of the fight against crime."

The main measures outlined in the paper, Criminal Justice: Plans for Legislation, fall into four categories: sentencing and the powers of the court, victims of crime, procedural changes and extradition.

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Mr Douglas Hurd, who announced the measures in the White Paper



### THE MAIN PROPOSALS

- Life sentences for carrying firearms in furtherance of crime.
- More powers for courts to confiscate criminals' assets.
- Tougher powers for courts to order offenders to compensate victims.
- Changes to the jury system including abolition of jury trial for some offences.
- Proposals to abolish or curb defence right of challenge and to increase jurors' age limit.
- Statutory backing for sentencing guidelines from Court of Appeal.
- Pledge for legislation on fraud trials proposals.
- Reforms in extradition law.
- Criminal Injuries Compensation Board on statutory backing.

## Reforms to ease return of fugitives

Reforms in the law of extradition to make it easier for countries to get back their fugitive offenders from the United Kingdom are proposed.

Such a reform will represent a contribution to the fight against international crime. It is hoped as a result the United Kingdom can become a party to the European Convention on Extradition.

The main proposal is the abolition of the prima facie rule which obliges the requesting state to establish a case against the fugitive, according to the English rules of evidence.

Other measures are to allow extradited offenders to face further charges with the Government's consent; to provide for re-extradition if the Government consents; and to define extraditable offences as those attracting a penalty of at least 12 months' imprisonment, including fiscal offences.

Many of the procedural reforms recommended in the Roskill Committee on fraud trials are to be implemented in the Bill.

They include: revision of the law of evidence to allow more documents to "speak for themselves"; more formal preparatory hearings to identify the issues for trial; and the abolition of jury trial in complex fraud cases.

## Moves to reduce pressure of work on crown court

Abolition of the right to trial by jury is proposed for certain offences, in a separate consultative document issued with the White Paper, in an effort to cut the increasing pressure of work on the crown court.

It recommends that this should apply to common assault, driving while disqualified and taking a motor vehicle without the owner's consent. More serious offences of assault and theft of vehicles would still be triable in the crown court.

The paper, *Distribution of Court Business*, also invites comment on a more qualified, but nonetheless controversial, proposal for minor cases of theft to be tried in the magistrates court, irrespective of the small value of the stolen property, unless the offence seems unusually serious.

The courts, it says, should have adequate powers to deal with offences but it is also important that offences which are not among the most serious, and which can be adequately dealt with by the magistrates, do not unnecessarily clog up the crown court.

In spite of allocating more resources to the crown court, such as increasing the number of judges, it has "proved extremely difficult to avoid significant increases in waiting times". The 1984 average was 14.3 weeks; and only 40 per cent of defendants were dealt with in less than eight weeks.

There has, therefore, been increasing pressure for a change in the arrangements for determining mode of trial, the consultative paper says. Such a change was recommended 10 years ago by the James Committee and the Government believes it should now be reconsidered.

It is "clearly not in the interests of justice for trials to take place long after the events to which they relate, when memories may have faded", and the resources for criminal justice are necessarily limited, the paper says. Trial by jury is expensive, while the magistrates court provides high standards of justice, flexibly and economically, over a wide range of cases.

In the Government's view, the paper says, it is even more important than in the 1970s to ensure that those offences which can be tried by either court do not include some "whose inherent seriousness is unlikely ever to justify trial on indictment".

The idea of seriousness is taken to reflect the "inherent gravity of the misconduct as perceived by society, not according to the position of the individual". It therefore invites comment on its proposal to repeal existing offences of common assault and to bring in a new summary offence with maximum penalties of six months' imprisonment and/or £2,000 fine.

## Detention centre sentences

The Government proposes a power for those with short youth custody sentences to be held in detention centres, which at present are under-used for large parts of the year. This will help overcrowding in prisons and is consistent with the principle that short custodial sentences should be served in the detention centres, rather than in youth custody regimes (formerly Borstal).

Some offenders receiving youth custody sentences of between four and six months have only short periods to serve, after time spent on remand, and remission, have been knocked off. But at present there is no alternative to their being held other than in youth custody regimes, even while detention centres are under-used.

At the same time, it plans to bring in stronger sanctions, including custody, for juvenile offenders in breach of supervision orders which have been imposed by the court as an alternative to custody.

It wants also to restore to the courts a specific power to include in a supervision order a requirement that the juvenile attend school.

## Three changes to jury challenge

The Government has put forward three proposals to meet public concern about alleged abuse of the defendant's right to challenge jurors. They are:

- Abolition of the challenge without reason (peremptory challenge);
- A cut in the number of such challenges allowed from three to one or two;
- A special limit in multi-defendant cases.

It is also suggesting, and inviting comment, on the proposal that the upper age limit for potential jurors be increased from 65 to 70, on the basis that people aged between 65 and 70 would be eligible to serve as jurors but would not have to do so.

This would reflect the fact that people now live longer and are healthier when they retire. It would also meet concern that the present pool of jurors should be widened to include more of the older age group, which amounts to some nine million adults.

The peremptory challenge, the White Paper says, is available for use by the defence in whatever ways will best serve its interests. Some times it may be used to change the make-up of a jury in terms

of age, sex or race in a way thought to increase the chance of a fair hearing.

"But it is also capable of use, and these are the cases which have given rise to concern, as a means of getting rid of jurors, whose mere appearance is thought to indicate a degree of insight or respect for the law which is inimical to the interests of the defence.

"This is contrary to the interests of justice as well as offensive to the individual juror," it says.

Outright abolition of the challenge has been recommended by the recent Roskill Committee on fraud trials.

The second option for a cut in the number of challenges allowed would reduce the chances for the defendant to block a majority verdict by simply substituting other jurors, while still allowing objections to one or two jurors.

The third option, for a limit in multi-defendant cases, would address the problem "over which there is most acute concern" because of the possible pooling of challenges, but would curtail each individual defendant's right and, therefore, be less apt where such pooling did not occur.

## Options on court guidance

The Government intends to strengthen the role of the Court of Appeal in giving public guidance on sentencing policy, as in the court's recent guideline judgement on rape.

It is putting forward three proposals for debate.

The options are:

- Reviving its original, much-criticized proposal to enable the crown to refer over-lenient sentences to the Court of Appeal for an opinion;
- Giving that proposal "teeth" so that the Court of Appeal would have power to increase a sentence.
- Giving statutory backing to the Judicial Studies Board's role in publishing the Court of Appeal's guidelines. These would then be put out as a guide for sentencers and the public.

The White Paper says that some arrangement is needed so that issues raised by over-lenient sentences can be considered at a "higher judicial level".

## Powers to confiscate widened

Measures to strengthen the courts' powers to deprive convicted offenders of the proceeds of crimes in connection with drug-trafficking offences, now going through Parliament, are to be extended to other crimes.

These powers include a requirement on the Crown court to confiscate proceeds from drug-trafficking, power for the High Court to "freeze" assets of those suspected of drug-trafficking and of third parties in receipt of assets; provision for confiscation orders to be enforced in the High Court, without waiting for the offender to default; and stiffer custodial penalties for wilful default.

The Government intends to extend courts' powers to order forfeiture of property used in connection with crime.

The White Paper also makes clear that the Government has rejected an original proposal to introduce a sentence of day or weekend imprisonment.

## Life for carrying firearms

The Government proposes that the maximum penalty for certain offences involving carrying firearms in the furtherance of crime under the Firearms Act 1968 should be increased from 14 years to life imprisonment.

These proposed increases are intended to demonstrate emphatically that the carrying of firearms by criminals, whether or not they are used, is regarded by society as an offence of the highest possible gravity.

At the same time it proposes to increase the maximum penalty for certain offences of corruption from two to seven years, in line with the recommendations of the Salmon

Commission report on standards of conduct in public life, published in 1976.

At present the offences, under the Public Bodies (Corrupt Practices) Act 1889 and the Prevention of Corruption Act 1906; only carry a maximum of seven years' imprisonment if they concern receiving or offering bribes for public contracts.

But, the White Paper says, other forms of corruption can be equally serious and the two years' maximum is inadequate in cases of serious breaches of trust.

The maximum prison sentences available for the main criminal offences need to be

kept under constant review. Private member's bills with government support have increased sentences in two other areas where change was needed and there are now maximum sentences of life imprisonment for rape, ten years for indecent assault, and life imprisonment for trafficking in hard drugs.

But the Government believes that carrying firearms in furtherance of crime and corruption now warrant an increase also.

Thirdly, it intends to strengthen maximum penalties by extending the arrangements for inflation-proofing of fines.

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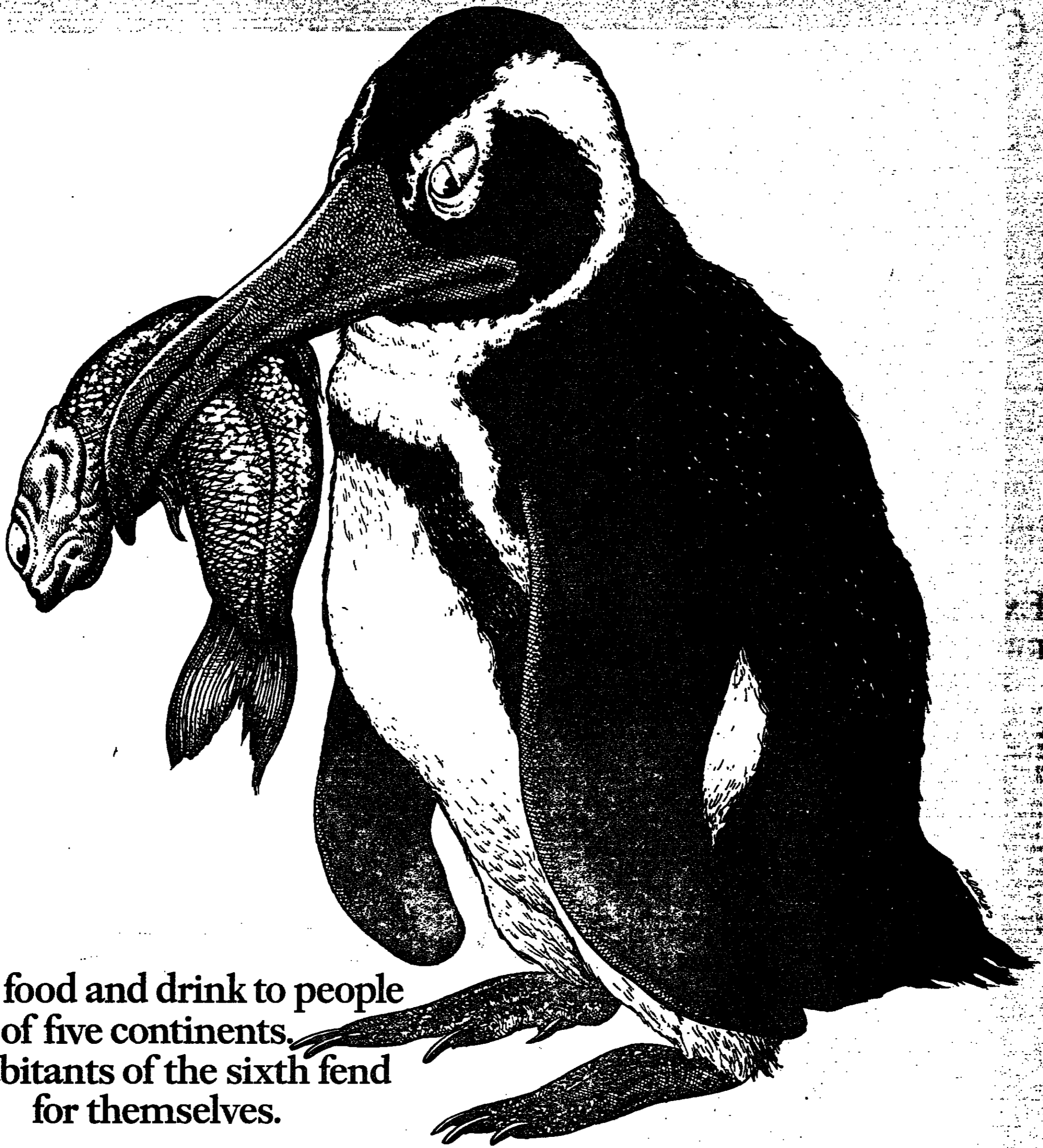
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# The going's better at the bookies

On Monday the drab British betting shop will receive a dramatic facelift when restrictions on the serving of refreshments are lifted. On the racecourse, though, the future looks grim

The British betting shop is a drab and cheerless place, functional and unwelcoming. Only the bare necessities are grudgingly provided - pages from that day's racing press pinned on the walls, a scattered selection of betting slips, a few stools, plastic ashtrays and, at the business end, a counter behind which bored tellers take punters' money, and, less often, give it back.

A network of illegal betting developed, with the street-corner "bookie's runner" as its central operator. It was accompanied, inevitably, by corruption, protection rackets and underworld violence.



Big bucks: in the United States, the punters' pleasure dome at Caesars Palace offers the betting fraternity the latest in hi-tech luxury. The race and sports book boasts seating for four hundred, more than 20 video screens giving live sports and results services, and a large buffet. Drinks are on the house

## 'The Nevada sports book is the nearest thing to gambling heaven'

The king of the Las Vegas oddsmakers is Michael Rexborough, known wherever bets on sporting events are made as "Roxy". You want a line (price) on a football match, a baseball game, college basketball, or any other event coast to coast, Roxy has got it.

sports books is the nearest thing to gambling heaven yet devised. Imagine a lecture hall with rows of seats, each with its own table top, banked up in a wide semi-circle. Down below, across the front of the room, is a line of six or eight television monitors showing live, every race meeting, every football game, every important sporting event taking place in the United States. Behind the television screens are the betting windows.

very hard to beat. In football games - during the season the whole country comes to a stop on Sunday afternoons - the price is in the form of a spread of the score between the two teams.

assessment of the teams", Roxy says, "The price must look attractive to supporters of both the 49ers and the underdog team."

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# The people's cardinal

Years of handling tense church-state politics equipped Cardinal Sin for a key role in the Filipino revolution.

Cardinal Sin: he used the church radio to rally the crowds

desperately poor and violence-ridden areas its leadership backed Marcos, despite widespread evidence of corruption.

When Cardinal Rosales died in 1983, the church's contacts with the communist New People's Army (NPA) were already established. At least one priest had already taken up arms.

His greeting is: 'Welcome to the house of Sin'

The cardinal's death weakened the links between the church leadership and Marcos's Malacanang Palace. Over the next three years, an irrevocable split between conservatives and progressives within the church threatened to develop. One Vatican official, fearing damage to the church worldwide, explained: "How can the Pope be against the priests in Nicaragua and tolerate Cardinal Sin?..." But Cardinal Sin and his colleagues have never sought

political office like some priests in Nicaragua. In the early years after his appointment Cardinal Sin adopted what he called a policy of "critical collaboration" with the regime. He called for the government to be more democratic while demanding restraint of the opposition.

Criticism reached a peak after the cardinal celebrated Marcos's birthday with a Mass earlier this year and publicly embraced him. The cardinal quickly responded that he had embraced Mr Marcos to find out his true physical strength after months of the debilitating disease, lupus. The answer, said the cardinal, was that Marcos had very little strength left in his arms.

Cardinal Sin's diplomatic skills and his willingness to talk have made him a favourite with foreign correspondents. He normally gives interviews over breakfast, at 6.30am. Journalists would arrive to find the cardinal already at his desk, witty and good-humoured. His sense of humour probably developed out of necessity as the 14th of 16 children born to a Filipino mother and a Chinese father.

His opening line at press conferences is always the same but perennially amusing: "Welcome to the house of Sin."

To many correspondents and observers, the peaceful outcome of the revolution and the church's role in it seemed like a miracle, sufficient to overcome any reservations Rome may have about its most prominent Filipino son.

David Watts

### CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 893

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3 Rich cake (6)	9 Appeal to (6)	15 Off egg organ (7)	21 Make speech (5)
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11 Coal mine gas (8)	12 Coal mine gas (8)	17 Official instruction (7)	
14 Haiti money (6)	17 Change (6)		
15 May (8)	18 Concert (4)		
22 Spanish mountains (6)	23 To each one (6)		
26 Ragged article (3)	27 Allow (6)		
28 Let off (6)			
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4 Disorderly struggle (7)	5 Very bright (5)		
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## SATURDAY

### The weekend starts here

### A week at the races

Cheltenham is the place for people who love horses at least as much as they love people. Next week's Cheltenham Festival, culminating in the Gold Cup, is the professionals' meet, where new jump champions are created and former champions like Arkle remembered with reverence. Read *The Times* insiders' guide to Cheltenham Festival, and join the professionals.

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When love begins at 60

More and more elderly couples are finding the courage to walk out after years of unhappy marriage in search of new romance and companionship

Mrs Molly Blackman (not her real name) was preparing lunch two days before her 80th birthday when her husband, Don, announced that he was moving out to live with one of her closest friends, Don, a retired architect, was 79. The friend, Jane, was 69.

Andrew Martin (also not his real name), a semi-retired lawyer, was 69 when he returned from a trip abroad to find that his 73-year-old wife, Liz, had left him for a man of 79.

The Blackmans had been married for 32 years and the Martins for 42. Both couples have children and grandchildren. Are they mad, or simply eccentric? No, say some psychiatrists and sociologists. They are simply the tip of an iceberg which has so far gone unnoticed.



Radio's Today is to get its first woman editor - the no-nonsense Jenny Abramsky

The other Today, the one that goes out on Radio Four each morning to an audience of four million, gets its first woman editor on, of all days, April 1.

She is Jenny Abramsky, a tiny 39-year-old with sensible shoes and no-nonsense views. More importantly, she has five years' experience of sparring with the rather larger Sir Robin Day, presenter of The World at One, the programme of which she is currently boss.

Today, despite its cosy badinage and ministerial listership, is a notorious treadmill for its staff. One has the impression of worthy BBC personnel setting the alarm hand at an absurd point on the clock face, driving into Broadcasting House through streets empty except for the last West End revellers, and arriving in the small hours turn into medium-sized ones.

It did for Robert Robinson, Barry Norman, and before them Jack de Manio, all of whom tired of having their night-owls' wings clipped.

Ms Abramsky, as editor, will not have quite such an arduous beginning to her day. She can expect to leave home at about 6.20 and arrive at work 20 minutes later after a traffic-free run from her home in north London.

Even though she has had an impeccable BBC woman's rise through the corporation, having become the assistant editor of PM eight years ago, Ms Abramsky insists that she was decidedly put out on clinching her new post: "I was daunted. My knees shook. I was terrified."

She is married to the district general manager of a north London health authority, whose job she regards as being 20 times more important than her own. They have a boy of nine and a girl of six, who were looked after by their father while she edited The World This Weekend.

Their present house is run by the nanny, Kathy, who has a degree in biology from Imperial College, London.

With her live-in boyfriend, a maths student at the same college, she cares for the children.

"I couldn't have thought about doing Today with those sleepless nights that we used to have," says Jenny. "But now, I'm glad to say, if my son wakes up early in the morning he gets into bed on my husband's side, whereas in the past it used to be on mine."

Her departure was a severe blow for Andrew. He could do nothing right. His retirement, which she had looked forward to for years, failed to come up to expectations. She befriended an elderly neighbour, Bob, and helped him through the illness and death of his wife. He showered her with flowers, affection and gratitude, they evidently fell in love, she moved in and later they married.

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Don started seeing Jane, a widow and life-long family friend, shortly after he retired.

The problems are often triggered by retirement

Those who do so seem to be the better educated, who are more receptive to new ideas. The Blackmans, Martins and other couples who have split up at a late age are largely professional people. Those seeking help from the Westminster Pastoral Council are mostly teachers, churchmen and nurses. The problems are often triggered by retirement, when conflicts suppressed for years as couples coped with children and demanding careers, come to the surface as the partners find themselves in each other's company 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more fragile marriages it can spell disaster.

A grave defect they did not want to admit

His daughter, who found some of their letters, says they were obviously deeply in love. "They were clearly having the romance they never had 50 years earlier", she says. When Molly found out she became "vitriolic". After many months of misery, Don, to the family's great relief left and moved in with Jane.

Food for thought on asthma

Asthmatic wheezing and gastro-oesophageal reflux, the acid indigestion felt behind the sternum (breast bone) are frequent causes of disturbed nights, but until a report by Dr Charles Barrish in the Archives of Internal Medicine, few doctors realised that there was a connection between them.

MEDICAL BRIEFING

ach contents into the oesophagus; by taking antacids (Gaviscon is frequently prescribed) or H2 inhibitors, ranitidine (Zantac) or cimetidine (Tagamet), and by losing weight.

Mind over metal

The family of Rita Hayworth has made no secret of the fact that she has Alzheimer's disease. So strong is the correlation that Professor Edvardsson is convinced that neural concentrations of aluminium are related to senile dementia and, if not the instigator of the trouble, must play a part in its progression.

Smashing Gating

Although television pictures of Mike Gating's black eyes and broken nose alarmed his fans, they can be reassured that, providing no complications occur, he can be treated, like the rugby footballers for whom this is a common injury and who are considered fit to return to their teams in three weeks.

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Jenny Abramsky: taking over a male stronghold

by the nanny, Kathy, who has a degree in biology from Imperial College, London. With her live-in boyfriend, a maths student at the same college, she cares for the children.

She has a winning doubles partnership

Jenny's female friends' reaction to her appointment was: "Good for you". Hardly surprising since the programme represents a comparative male stronghold in Radio Four current affairs.

Alan Franks

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THE TIMES DIARY

The hidden thorn

Peter Dixon, one of the "Lloyds naughties" who flew the coop after personally receiving an estimated £7.2 million from insurance syndicates...

Connopolitan

This year's runner-up in the Cosmopolitan New Journalist of the Year competition, Jane White, was a real hit with editor Linda Kelsey...

Backtrack

No sooner had the all-party Employment Institute invited The Times to a talk by left-wing union leader David Bassett...

Choice

Merseyside Militants just won't lie down. Felicity Dowling, who is almost certain to be expelled from the party...



Down to earth

Princess Margaret's one-time companion, Roddy Llewellyn, has found a new circle of friends in Clapham...

Clawback

The V & A is not a museum to hide its leading light under a bush. Not only is it displaying a tapestry of director Sir Roy Strong with his cat...

Not the ticket

Kidderminster library's new computer is proving a mixed blessing, according to the Library Association Record...

PHS

Back to a true free market

by David Hart

Unlike Mr Gorbachov, Mrs Thatcher has her dissidents. Although many of hers may make better candidates for psychiatric hospitals than any of his...

visionary leadership of the national debate. This was never Mrs Thatcher's strong card. It is now more and more lacking.

government's decisions over Leyland will be rooted in a desire to protect jobs and industry. Short-term, anti-competitive measures may buy a few months or years breathing space...

to Damascus. The government will, for many years, control the spending of huge sums of money on defence...

Robert Fisk: how the Gulf war is affecting the people of Iran

Nation with a death wish

Tehran The elderly, grey-bearded man emerged from the ruined house on cue. "Jang to piruzi," he shrieked. "War till victory..."



You come across it everywhere, among the wounded on the troop trains, along the lines of crippled war veterans at Friday prayers in Tehran...

crossed the Shatt-al-Arab in some kind of death craving to mark the revolution's anniversary and that, to their amazement, they succeeded in overwhelming the Iraqi defences...

of life, as opposed to death; are likely to save them; the collapsing oil price, for example, the country's failing industries...

than he has experienced in six years of conflict and the Iranians, even the middle-class Iranians whose nationalism outweighs their contempt for the regime...

How to get on under Gorbachov

In the Soviet Union, where the Communist Party Congress has just ended with the election of a new central committee...

one of the 1983 police swoops on malingers. If you like an occasional shot of vodka, and know how to get round the licensing hours, do not say so.

Urals, or the Stavropol region of central southern Russia (where Gorbachov spent much of his career). You may find it worth mentioning that you were once associated with Andrei Kirilenko...

and paying them accordingly, you will be highly sought after. Your prospects will be still better if you can combine this experience with a knowledge of how to conduct or interpret public opinion polls.

Mary Dejevsky

David Watt South African stalemate

President Botha of South Africa has had front-page coverage in Europe and the US this week for two announcements...

have a chance of making some progress. There is nothing about this analysis totally at variance with the government's official line.

The hopeful scenario goes something like this: Botha has seen the writing on the wall and is really prepared, though he dare not quite say so...

For all these reasons I do not believe the prospects for real dialogue between the Botha government and the black population are encouraging.

moreover... Miles Kington

Cue for hard thinking

There are two kinds of game. One involves body contact with the opponent; the other does not. In body contact games you may find yourself in violent contact with the opponent (boxing, soccer)...

Moreover prints the first complete diagram of a tense position from a recent high-level snooker game. And asks you: "What would you do next?"





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BUCKINGHAM PALACE March 6: The Prince and Princess of Wales...

KENSINGTON PALACE March 6: The Prince of Wales... Her Royal Highness, President...

Mr O. Palme

A memorial service for Mr Olof Palme, Prime Minister of Sweden...

Forthcoming marriages

Mr J.M.P. Eastace and Miss G.R. Oughton... Mr R.F.A. Vyvyan and Miss V.A. Ogle...



Emperor Hirohito of Japan and Empress Nagako enjoying the plum blossom in the gardens of the Imperial Palace yesterday on the empress's eighty-third birthday.

Birthdays today

Sir Robert Atkinson, 70; Sir Kingsley Collet, 80; Mr J.O. Hambro, 67; Sir Anthony Lamb, 75...

Luncheons

The Greek Ambassador and other members of the diplomatic corps were guests at a luncheon given by the London European Society...

Dinners

Prince Andrew, President of the Royal Aero Club, presided at a council dinner held at the RAF Club last night...

Sale room Looking back without avail

After its failure to sell John Braine's diaries last autumn, Bloomsbury Book Auctions failed yesterday to find a buyer for a collection of Arnold Wesker's works...



Portrait of Dmitri Grigorievich Levitski, which fetched £7,560 at Christie's yesterday.

Service dinners

British Royal Naval College The Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster was the guest of honour at a mess dinner held last night at the Britannia Royal Naval College, Dartmouth...

Inner Temple

Duke of Edinburgh entrance scholarships, which defray the cost of admission to the inn and call to the Bar, have been awarded to the following...

Church news

Appointments: The Rev. Andrew, Assistant Curate, St Martin, Epsom, diocese of Southwicks...

Baking for the Easter Festival

The Lady Mayoress, accompanied by the Sheriff's ladies, opened the 'Baking for the Easter Festival' exhibition at the Barbican Library on Wednesday night...

Meeting

Royal Commonwealth Society The Prime Minister of Barbados gave a lunchtime talk yesterday at the Royal Commonwealth Society, entitled 'Developments in the Caribbean'...

Science report

Soviet craft penetrates core of Halley's Comet

The first close-up pictures of Halley's Comet have revealed a nucleus of between 2 to 2.5 miles across, smaller than estimated from the previous photographs taken from ground-based telescopes...

OBITUARY

PROFESSOR ANDRE LEROI-GOURHAN

Professor Andre Leroi-Gourhan who died on February 19, at the age of 74, was a French archaeologist who made enormous contributions to prehistoric studies.

Previously, cave art had been seen as simple accumulations of figures, and interpreted through simplistic use of supposed analogies to modern cultures...

MR J. M. SHRINAGESH

A correspondent writes: Mr J. M. Shrinagesh, CIE, who has died in New Delhi at the age of 81, was a former Indian Civil Servant who after independence played a notable role in Indian public life as an administrator and industrialist...

ERN SHAW

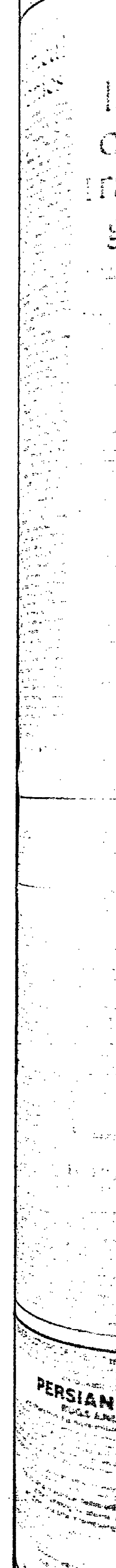
Ernest Shaw, the cartoonist who always signed his drawings Ern Shaw, died on February 22 at the age of 95. His most popular strip cartoon was 'Mr and Mrs Dillwatter', which ran in the weekly magazine, Answers, from 1923 to 1948.

REV RICHARD HAMPER

The Rev Richard J. Hamper, who had been General Secretary of the Free Church Federal Council since 1979, died at the age of 57, on February 25.

LUDMILA V. RUDEENKO

Ludmila Vladimirovna Rudeenko, who became the Soviet Union's first woman world chess champion when she won the title in 1950, has died in Moscow at the age of 82.





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Don't forget that the examples we give in the table are based on the *maximum* retail price of the car.

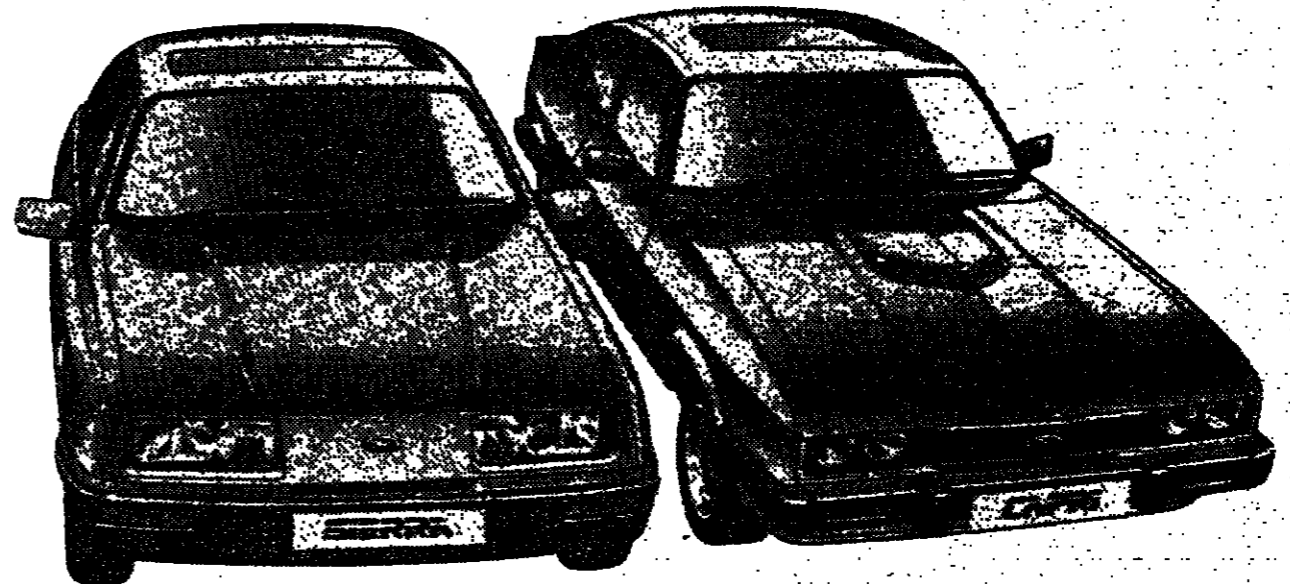
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36 Monthly Instalments of	189.72	191.68
Charge for Credit	1027.22	1037.73
Total Credit Price	8280.60	8366.17

\*Maximum retail price as at March 1st 1986 excluding delivery, number plates and road fund licence.







WALL STREET

New York (Reuters) - The stock market declined...

The Dow Jones industrial average, which was around 1,680 at mid-session...

But the trend took a reverse turn towards the close with a bond market recovery...

The Amex market value index climbed 1.44 to the best ever close of 253.16...

IBM cut its earlier loss to...

Table with columns for company names and stock prices. Includes AMR, ASEA, Allied Signal, etc.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES table with columns for market rates and forward rates.

The dollar gained good Wednesday as the market moved...

MONEY MARKETS AND GOLD

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS % table with columns for clearing banks and discount rates.

OTHER STERLING RATES table with columns for various international rates.

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

Table showing three month sterling, Canadian prices, and other financial futures data.

COMMODITIES

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE table with columns for various metals and their prices.

MEAT AND LIVESTOCK table with columns for various livestock products.

WHEAT AND GRAIN table with columns for various grain products.

FINANCIAL TRUSTS table with columns for various trust funds.

The prices on this page refer to Wednesday's trading

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Large table listing various unit trusts, their managers, and performance metrics. Includes sections for UK Growth, UK Income, and International funds.

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# Hanson's US profits. Hanson's lawyers re-open the case.

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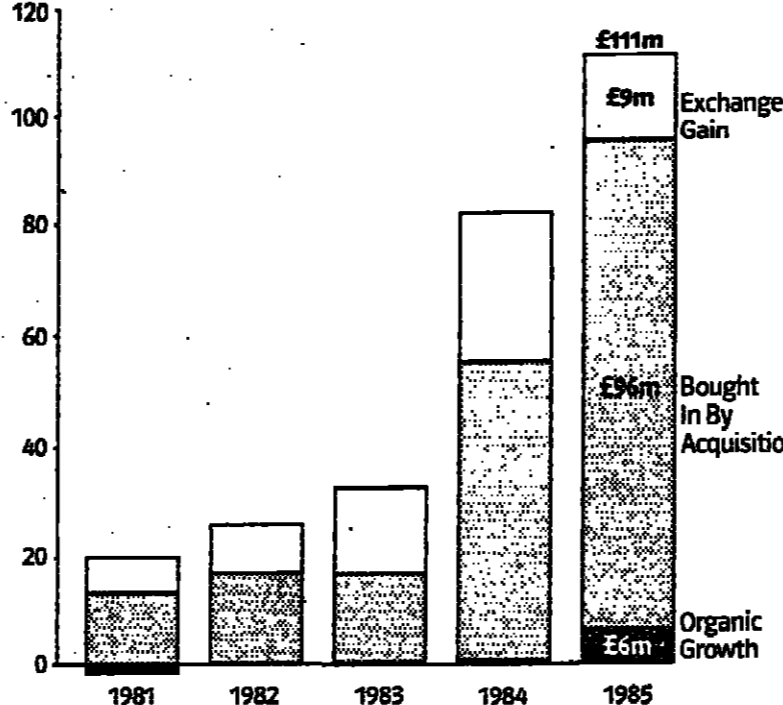
Hanson Industries, the US arm of Hanson Trust, is responsible for about half Hanson's total operating profit - so in our letter to shareholders of 13.2.86 we took a cool look at its performance.

Hanson's solicitors responded by challenging some of our figures - though not our central point.

Nonetheless, we cheerfully re-ran our analysis - with the following result:

Total:	£m	111
Less bought-in profit:		96
Less exchange rate gains:		9
Leaving organic growth:		6

HANSON'S US OPERATING PROFIT GROWTH, 1980-1985



This is precisely the calculation used in our letter to shareholders and confirms our central point: Hanson's US performance depends overwhelmingly on profits bought in by acquisition; and Hanson Industries' organic growth has fallen far short of US inflation over the period.

We rest our case.



The sources for the information contained in this advertisement are the letters from the Chairman, Imperial Group plc to shareholders dated 13th February and 6th March 1986. The directors of Imperial Group plc (including those who have delegated detailed supervision of this advertisement) have taken all reasonable care to ensure that the facts stated and opinions expressed are fair and accurate. The directors accept responsibility accordingly.

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THE TIMES

Portfolio

From your portfolio card check your eight share price movements. Add them up to give you your overall total. Check this against the daily dividend figure published on this page. If it matches you have won overnight or a share of the total daily prize money stated. If you are a winner follow the claim procedure on the back of your card. You must always have your card available when claiming.

Table with columns: No., Company, Price, Change, % Change, Dividend, Yield. Lists various companies under categories like BUILDINGS AND ROADS, INDUSTRIALS A-D, FOODS, CHEMICALS, PLASTICS, etc.

Weekly Dividend table with columns: MON, TUE, WED, THU, FRI, SAT, Total. Includes a note: "Please make a note of your daily totals for the weekly dividend of £20,000 on Saturday's newspaper."

BRITISH FUNDS

Table listing British funds with columns: High, Low, Company, Price, Change, % Change, Dividend, Yield.

OVER FIFTEEN YEARS

Table listing funds with performance over fifteen years, including columns for company name and various metrics.

INDEX-LINKED

Table listing index-linked funds with columns for company name and performance metrics.

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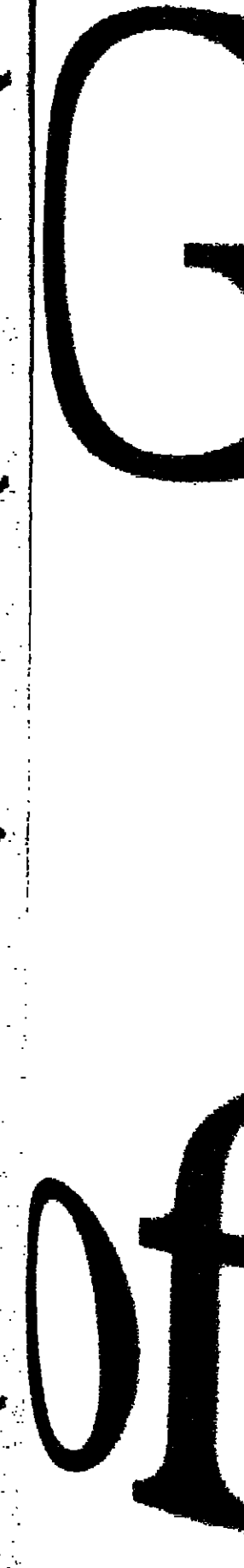
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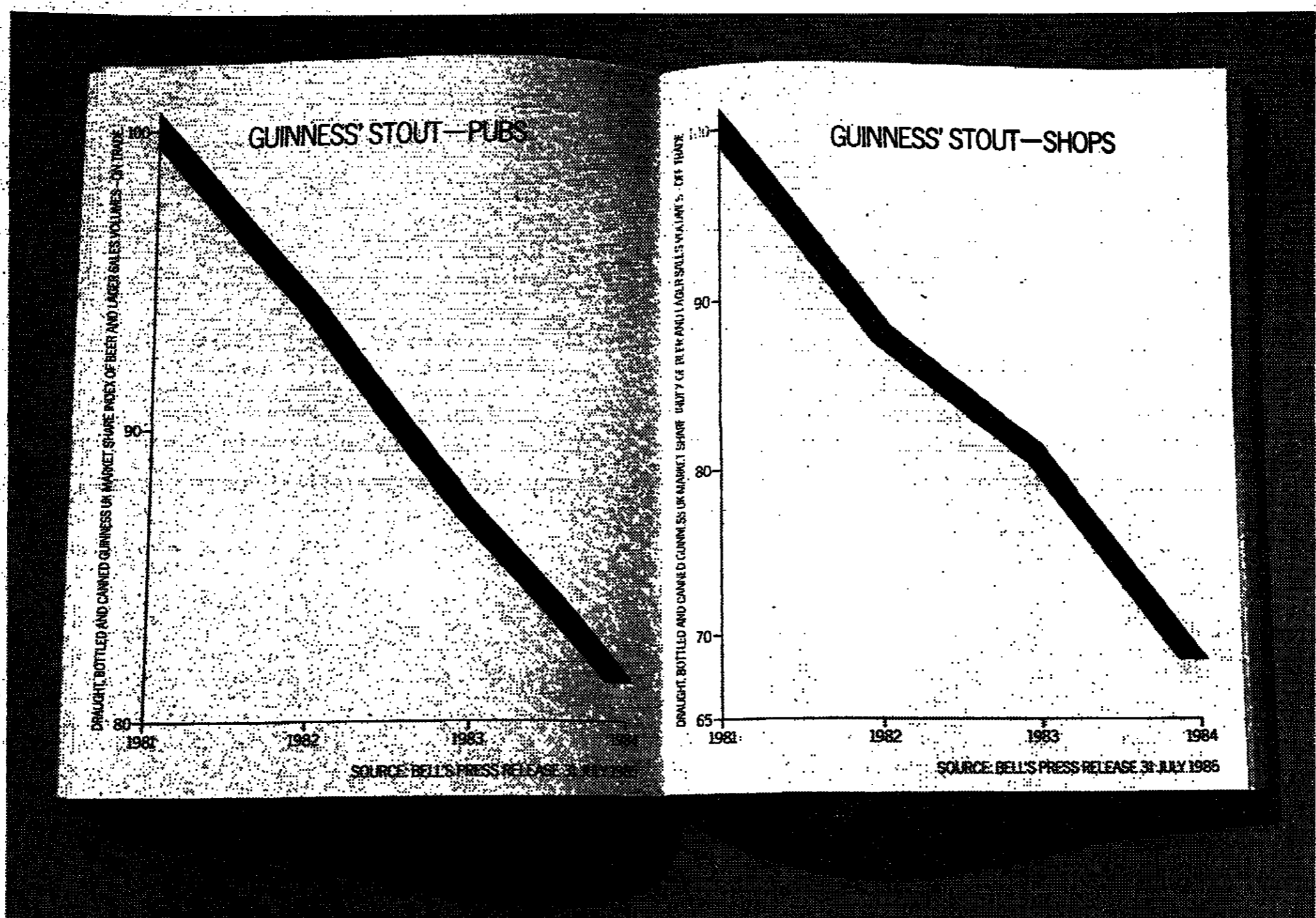
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“The Apricot XEN is a pleasure to use. It's fast and effective - showing off both the 80286 built-in processor and Windows software to their best advantage... This is the best machine the company has ever produced.” *Which Computer? - January 1986*

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There's a lot of talk about the new Apricot XEN. Experts, normally restrained in their praise, are becoming unusually enthusiastic.

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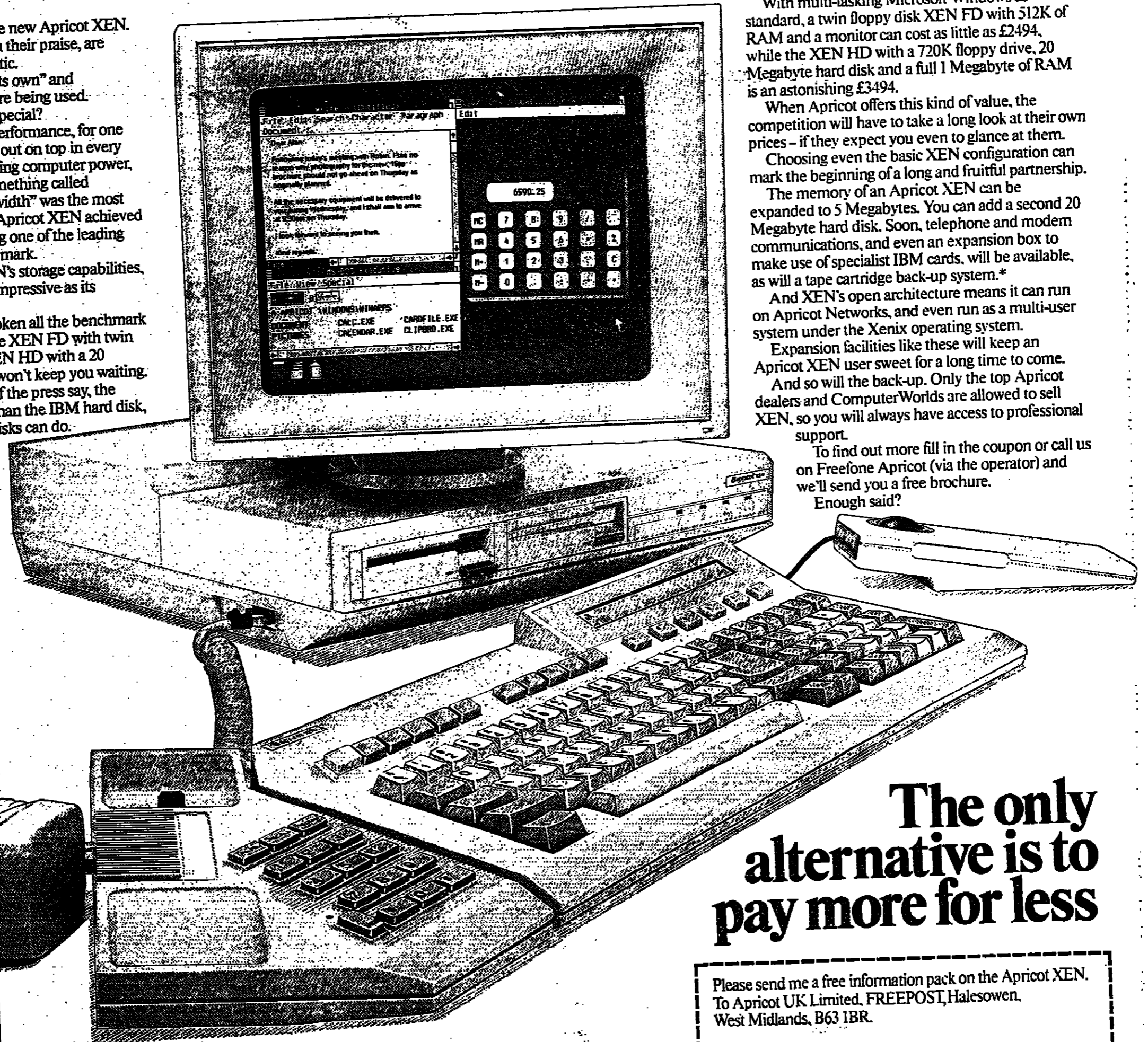
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CRICKET: THE CHANCE TO BOWL FIRST COULD DECIDE THE SECOND TEST MATCH

England aim to reverse the tide of history

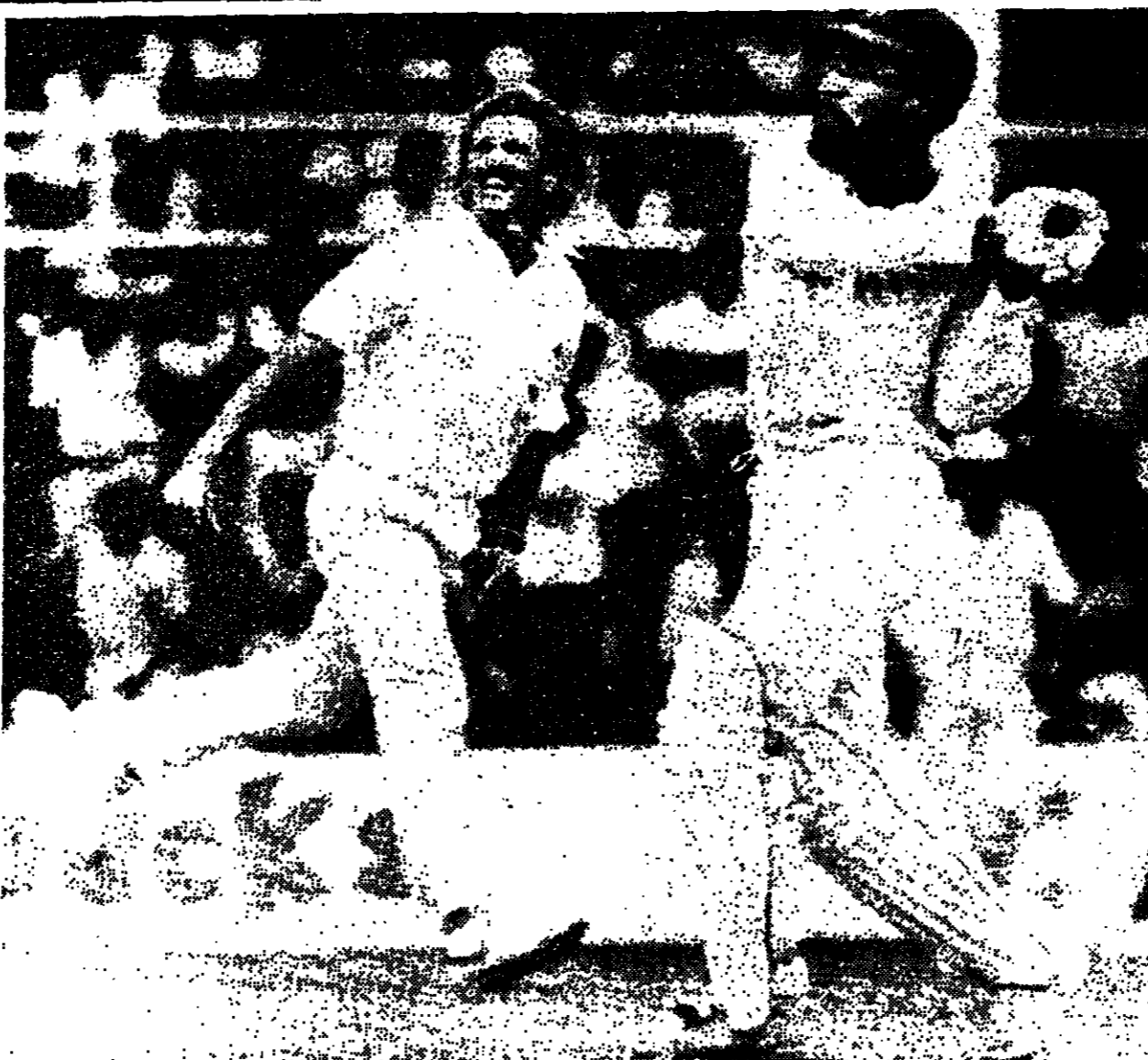
From John Woodcock, Cricket Correspondent, Port of Spain, Trinidad

It is back to more serious business here today with the start of the second Test match, sponsored by Cable and Wireless. Last Tuesday's one-day international was, of its kind, a memorable game of cricket distinguished by some of the best batting anyone will ever see and just the fillip England needed: but it is still the Tests that really count.

After England had lost the first of them, in Jamaica, it was hard to see how they were ever going to stop West Indies, whose only defeat in their last 28 Test matches was on a Sydney pitch made for Australia's spinners. The best chance one felt would be in Port of Spain, and Tuesday's victory has kindled just a spark of hope.

It is not only the West Indians who would expect to be among the wickets if they bowled first this morning: England would as well. Gooch reckoned that Essex, in conditions such as they were at the start of last week's match against Trinidad, would have been disappointed not to bowl any side out quite cheaply. It was because of Lever that he said Essex. Almost always the ball moves around here on the first day, and the pitch for this Test is quite unlike Tuesday's, which had next to no grass on it.

Small wonder that England's best chance now is thought to be field first, to bowl a full length and hope in that way to unsettle a West Indian side which may lack Greenidge as well as Dujon. If they are without these two, their batting will be comparatively suspect. Best is good.



The irrepressible Richards: the West Indies captain showing on Tuesday that he can bat better than anyone else on earth

Trinidad and Tabasco

Trinidad If sport is like a bloody Mary, then competitiveness is the vodka. The rushing about and the concentration (good for you) are the tomato juice. But a good bloody Mary needs a little more than that. It needs spicing up, and it is fear that provides the Tabasco sauce in sport.

Match has tame finish Galle (Reuters) - The rain-affected three-day game between the Pakistanis and the Sri Lanka Board President's XI petered out into a tame draw yesterday. The President's XI, replying to the touring side's first-innings total of 285 for eight declared, had laboured to 209 for five when play was called off after only three of the final 20 mandatory overs.

RUGBY UNION

Perkins gives way to younger men

John Perkins, the Pontypool and Wales lock forward, has retired from international rugby, though he hopes to continue playing for his club (he is captain this season) for another two years. Perkins won 18 caps in succession, the last of them in the defeat against France last Saturday. Wales's final match in the five nations championship.

Beware of St Mary's

St Mary's... 36 Gwyn's... 0 St Mary's, the Hospitals Cup holders, beat Gwyn's by four goals and three tries to nothing at Richmond yesterday and play The London in the final next Wednesday. It will be St Mary's tenth consecutive final, one short of the record established by St Thomas's nearly 100 years ago.

BILLIARDS

Champions out in semi-finals

Robbie Foldvari, of Australia, and Norman Dagle, of Leicester, will meet in the world professional final, sponsored by Monaxflex, at the Romley Forum, Stockport today (Sidney Friskin writes).

GOLF

Morale is high at the Doral

The Doral-Eastern Open, with a first prize of \$90,000 (about £62,000) and a total purse of \$200,000, which is an increase of \$100,000 over last year and shows the way the financial wind is blowing on the United States tour, started in bright sunshine just across the freeway from the International Airport here yesterday.

Torrance takes lead

Kuala Lumpur (Reuters) - Britain's Ryder Cup player, Sam Torrance, scored a four-under-par 67 to take a one-stroke lead after the first day of the Malaysian Open yesterday.

HOCKEY

Kerly back for Britain

Barely five months after winning the silver medal in Perth, Australia, the Great Britain men's team will leave for Karachi on March 28 to play in the eighth Champions Trophy tournament from April 1 to 11. As in Perth, the opposition in this round-robin series will come from Pakistan, India, Australia, West Germany and the Netherlands.

JUDO

Injury slows Briggs

With an ankle injury not yet completely healed, Britain's world bantamweight champion, Karen Briggs, is not sure whether she will be fully fit to fight in the women's European championships at Crystal Palace on March 15 and 16.

Old man with a happy knack

Sydney (AP) - A 72-year-old Australian, who scored two holes-in-one during the same round here, is believed to be the oldest player to accomplish the feat. Fred Hanson, who only took up the game at 60, struck his first hole-in-one with a four-iron shot on the 152-metre uphill ninth hole, the second with a wedge tee-shot on the 112-metre 17th.

CAMBRIDGE LENTS

Downing still on top

Downing remained in the pole position yesterday when Emanuel failed to make any impression on them for the second day running. Pembroke's second boat, John Downing, will once again be pursuing it to get the bump they so narrowly missed on Wednesday.

TENNIS

Bates should get Britain off to a winning start

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

The first round of the Davis Cup competition, the world team championship, will be played during the next three days. The game's most infectious smile, that of Manuel Orantes, is brightening up the scene at Yelboud, where Spain play Britain. Orantes is the first time Orantes has captained Spain; his team, however, is considerably less formidable than those he once embellished as a player.

This has some unusual features. Spain have returned to the land where they played their first Davis Cup tie, at Hendon in 1921. Orantes and Britain's captain, Paul Hutchings, played on opposite sides at Barcelona in 1968. John Lloyd is in line to equal Fred Perry's total of 52 matches for Britain; only Mike Sangster, Bobby Wilson and Tony Mottram have played more than that.

In order to give Britain as much of an advantage as possible, two Boltex courts (one for practice) have been shipped from Sweden. Boltex, a fast surface with a low bounce, suits Britain more than it suits Spain. Britain had an easier draw than any of the three other promoted teams and this will be their seventh consecutive home tie since Australia beat them at Adelaide in 1983. If they win, they should - they will be at home again in the second round, against Australia or New Zealand.

The doubles pairings may yet be adjusted but the line-up announced yesterday was exactly what had been expected. The players who put Britain back in the world group - the competition's first division - have been given a chance to keep them there and Sergio Casal and Emilio Sanchez will probably play the entire tie for Spain. Today, Casal plays Jeremy Bates and Sanchez tackles Lloyd. The same Spaniards have provisionally been chosen for tomorrow's doubles against Lloyd and Colin Dowdswell. Sunday's programme is Bates v Sanchez and Lloyd v Casal. Play starts at two o'clock every day.

Awkward for Germans

Agencies - Sweden embark upon their campaign for a third successive Davis Cup championship today, but placed their bets on their rivals in the world group to win through to the quarter-finals. The United States, Czechoslovakia and Australia all have availability and fitness problems while West Germany, though spearheaded by Boris Becker, faces a tricky tie in Mexico. The Mexicans are led by the junior Wimbledon champion, Leonardo Lavalle.

CROSS-COUNTRY

McLeod's decision bolsters chances

Mike McLeod has accepted his invitation to run for England in the world championship in Neuchâtel, Switzerland, on March 23, thus ensuring, says Becker, that the selection of a team for the event since England was in 1980.

FOR THE RECORD

A collection of sports news snippets including BASKETBALL, BOWLS, HARTLEPOOL, RUGBY LEAGUE, FOOTBALL, HOCKEY, ICE HOCKEY, UNIVERSITY GAMES, and TODAY'S FIXTURES.

FOOTBALL: INJURIES AND DOMESTIC FIXTURES HAMPER ENGLAND'S PREPARATIONS

Robson must grimace as difficulties mount on home front

By Smart Jones, Football Correspondent

While Bobby Robson is abroad putting the finishing touches to his plans for the summer, the preparations of his World Cup squad have begun to fall apart at home...

Voice of experience

By Clive White

The player who was initially, if unintentionally, responsible for the plight which Bobby Robson now faces in the World Cup is the one who should be playing in the World Cup finals in three months' time...

ROBSON'S MEDICAL HISTORY

Table with columns: DATE, INJURY (opponents), ABSENCE

An ideal incentive

By Hugh Taylor

Aberdeen's lifeline to the European Cup semi-final may seem ominously sliver but their manager, Alex Ferguson, was surprisingly confident yesterday after a disappointing display in a 2-2 draw with the husky Swedes of Goteborg...

Great start for the Finnish

It is not often that a Finnish team achieves any kind of prominence in European competition, but in Wednesday night's quarter-final first leg matches, Keesi Lahi forced a remarkable away draw in the Champions' Cup, 2-0 against Steaua Bucharest in Romania...

A match with much at stake

Non-League football by Paul Newman

Sutton United entertain Yeovil tomorrow in a match likely to have a crucial bearing on the destination of the Vauxhall-Opel League champions...



Unfortunate: Robson has completed only two games in the last five months (Photograph: Tim Bishop)

No forward thinking

From David Miller, Barcelona

If Italian footballers could establish in early life a more balanced relationship with their indulgent mothers, the burden of which seems to be shared simultaneously by rain and in-secure, they would probably be without rivals in the world of football, not excluding the South Americans.

Everton denied seating

The League leaders, Everton, have been denied seats at Luton for the FA Cup quarter-final on April 2. Manchester City supporters have secured their seats at the stadium after a long and bitter battle...

Sexton squad loses three

Three more players have withdrawn from the England squad for the European Under-21 championship quarter-final in Denmark next Wednesday...

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

Table with columns: LEAGUE, CLUB MATCHES, RUGBY UNION, RUGBY LEAGUE

Holdstock hard to replace both on and off the field

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Michael Harrison, Wakefield's wing against Nottingham, is the fourth-round John Player Special Cup match tomorrow, had to wait until he was 29 before playing for England...

Young masters of Marching into history

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

Kim Norrket, the former Durham University and Durham scrum half, was a wholehearted performer and now he is an enthusiastic schoolboy, delighted at the success of a junior side at Christ College, Brecon...

Britain to see the best in the world

By Peter Aykroyd

British gymnastics followers will be treated to a spectacular display of world-class expertise by leading Soviet gymnasts at Wembley tomorrow and Sunday...

Another title for Polonia

By Paul Harrison

Speedwell Racador, of Bristol, eventually handed Polonia the Royal Bank League title on a platter when they lost away to Spark Crook Leg at the weekend...

Jones finds time for work and play

By Jim Railton

The late inclusion by Oxford of the 26-year-old Australian international, Graham Jones, just over three weeks before the Boat Race on March 29 (3.15pm) opens up speculation...

Eastern girls' double

By Joyce Whitehead

Downham Market High School, who had a double first in the East schools championship, are the only school competing in both the under-18 and under-16 sections of the Barclays Bank National Schools championships today at Barclays Bank Sports Club, Ealing...

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By Joyce Whitehead

The University match, postponed last Saturday, will be played in the University Parks, Oxford, tomorrow at 2.30.

Eastern girls' double

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Oxford University: K Reynolds (Merchiston), J Starr (Newmarket), M Aiken (St Hilda's), E Steale (Somerville), P Macdonald (University), N Clark (St Anne's), J Broom (Lady Margaret Hall), K Smallman-Smith (St Hugh's), P Starmer (St Hugh's), S Fallowe (Pembroke), L Smeester (Jesus), Sub: L. Foules.

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CYCLING

Kelly keeps ahead despite summit spurt by Caritoux

From John Wilcockson, Avignon
The 36th Paris-Nice race was won and lost two miles from the finish of the first part of yesterday's fourth stage on the side of Mont Ventoux in Provence.

BOXING

Taking Notice of another protégé

By Sri Kumar Sen, Boxing Correspondent
Before Frank Bruno's manager, Terry Lawless, left for Las Vegas to have talks with the World Boxing Association heavy-weight champion, the second of his four heavyweights, Horace Notice, was setting out on his championship career.

Witherspoon on trial

Philadelphia (UPI) — Tim Witherspoon, the World Boxing Association heavy-weight champion, will have a hearing today to explain why a drug test revealed traces of marijuana in his system.

EQUESTRIANISM

Shaab wins again as best stallion

By Jenny MacArthur
For the second year running Tim Le Grice's Shaab, an 11-year-old bay by Busted out of Chieftan Girl, was crowned King George VI Challenge Cup for the champion stallion at the National Light Horse Breeding Society's (NLS) thoroughbred Stallion Show held yesterday at Tattersall Park, Paddock, Newmarket.

RACING: DAWN RUN IS NEW FAVOURITE FOR PREMIER CHASING PRIZE

Burrough Hill Lad out of Cup

Burrough Hill Lad, ante-post favourite for next week's Cheltenham Gold Cup, is out of the race. His trainer, Jenny Pitman, said yesterday: "He has a small amount of heat in his off-fore and will not run."



Burrough Hill Lad, who will now have to wait another year before trying to become the first horse since L'Escargot (1970-71) to win the Cheltenham Gold Cup twice.

Accompanied by Tony Mullins on the stable's Aintree Grand National hope, Dawn Run was always going well and went ahead three furlongs from home as the pace quickened.

Sandown abandoned

The Grand Military meeting at Sandown tomorrow has been abandoned because there is still some frost in the ground. The clerk of the course, Mark Kershaw, said yesterday: "The frost has not come out of the ground as fast as anticipated."

Silver Ace best of Pipe's trio

By Michael Phillips
Those who lay great store in a trainer sending runners far afield will note with interest that Martin Pipe is launching a three-horse raid on Market Rasen this afternoon.

MARKET RASEN

Table listing horse races at Market Rasen, including 2.15 Cranwell Selling Hurdle, 2.45 Scampton Novices Chase, 3.15 Scintorphor Rod Mill Handicap, and 3.45 Binbrook Handicap Chase.

Wexford results

Table listing horse race results from Wexford, including winners like Wall House (20-1) and Nere Wolfe (10-1).

POINT-TO-POINT

Table listing point-to-point race results, including winners like Fardor (11-9) and Jesto (11-9).

Flying Ace has first fall

Flying Ace fell for the first time in his illustrious career at the Berkshire point-to-point on Wednesday when attempting to qualify for the Audi final (Brian Seal writes).

CARLISLE

Table listing horse races at Carlisle, including 2.0 Penrith Selling Handicap Chase, 2.30 Wigton Novice Hurdle, and 3.0 Kendal Handicap Chase.

Law Report March 7 1986

Minister cannot sue church

Davies v Presbyterian Church of Wales. Before Lord Keith of Kinkaid, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Brightman, Lord Templeman, and Lord Mackay of Clashfern. [Speeches held March 6]. A minister of the Presbyterian Church of Wales was not an employee of the church and could not therefore bring a claim for unfair dismissal upon being dismissed from his pastorate.

The question to be determined was a question of law, namely, whether the appellant was employed by the church as a minister of the church. The industrial tribunal had erred in its decision to find that the appellant was employed by the church as a minister of the church.

Competition covenant not chargeable gain

Kirby (Inspector of Taxes) v Thorn EMI plc. Before Mr Justice Knox [Judgment given February 27]. A covenant not to compete did not accrue on the disposal of an asset and thus could not give rise to a chargeable gain for capital gains tax purposes.

Carlisle selections

By Mandarin
2.0 Miss Talli. 2.30 Jesto. 3.0 Mr Snuggitt. 3.30 Pink Panther. 4.0 Tullamarine. 4.30 Half Brother. 4.0 Whitehaven Novice Chase (€1,105.2m 4f) (8)







